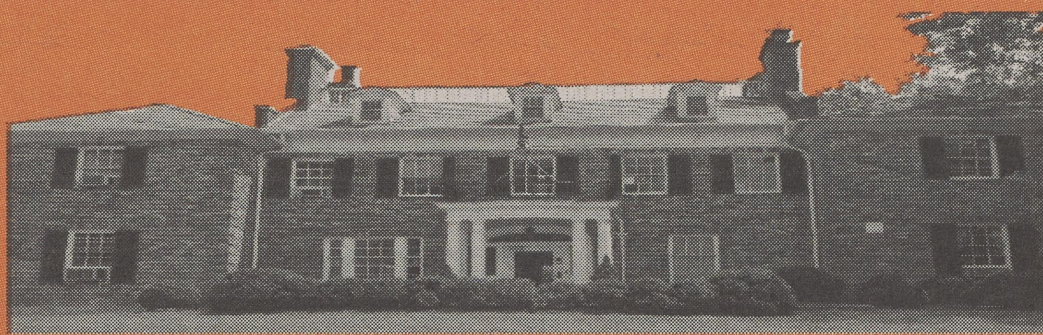


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New kids on the block:

Harpeth Hall Welcomes New Students and Faculty

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588 girls in crisp shirts and pressed skirts arrived to Harpeth Hall on August 25, 2004 for registration. Of the 588, 129 were new students attending Harpeth Hall from 52 different schools.

Within the 129 students, 19 came from different cities such as Portland and Eugene, OR; Danville, CA; Dallas and Houston, TX; Birmingham, AL; Winston-Salem, NC; Richmond, VA; Summit, NJ; and Memphis, TN. In total, Harpeth Hall students come from 23 different zip codes in Middle Tennessee.

This year, Harpeth Hall welcomed exchange student Jessica Rawlinson from Glasgow, Scotland, who will stay for the first term of this academic year. Stephanie Putnam, a new freshman from Houston, TX says about Harpeth Hall, "The work is a lot harder than I expected." Along with the new students came new faculty members like Mr. Abraham for Middle School Latin, Mr. Ross for Middle School English, and Ms. Crabtree for physical education.

Mr. Abraham, a graduate from the University of Missouri, is taking the place of Middle School Latin teacher, Mrs. Carole Hagan. He said, "One of the best things about Harpeth Hall is the strong emphasis on organization in everything the girls do whether its sports, clubs, or homework." Mr. Abraham commented that "being a new teacher at Harpeth Hall takes getting used to, but I am very glad to be here."



Students and faculty celebrated the opening and dedication of the new Daugh W. Smith Middle School on August 25, 2004. The entire 56,000-square-foot building is to have cost \$9 million and more than doubles the space in the old middle school. Director of the Middle School, Mrs. Betsy Malone, remarked at the ceremony, "The rooms are equipped for technology needs now and in the future, and are large enough for project work, groups, and a very active learning style."

The safety factor

Harpeth Hall re-thinks school security plans

Emily Thompson ('07)
Staff Writer

Harpeth Hall has always had strict visitor policies, key access to buildings after school hours, and security personnel at major events. However, recent events concerning school safety issued like the Russian school siege begs the question, "How safe are we?" Unlike most schools, Harpeth Hall does not have full time security personnel, video cameras, or an ID system.

According to Mrs. Marie Maxwell, the dean of students, there was an incident several years ago when a man posing as a member of the ROTC came on campus, talked with several students, and even ate lunch. It was later discovered that he was not involved with the ROTC, just a random man.

Then three years ago, a man in a white convertible was spotted several times on campus and even followed students while they were jog-

ging. Harpeth Hall's police officer for special events, Steve Linn, and a member of Harpeth Hall's maintenance staff, Trey Riddle, went to the man's house and threatened to have him arrested if he ever came back on campus.

Although these are freak occurrences, it does create a case for extra safety measures. Mrs. Lavoe Mulgrew, the head of the upper school, commented that while "gates and security officers are unnecessary...possible security cameras are being discussed." Also, more lighting has been added across campus for safety purposes.

Three years ago, faculty members were given a handbook detailing procedures in case there was a security breach. Mrs. Mulgrew advised that although we are relatively safe, "We are never totally safe, and every one should keep their guard up."

A dream come true?

The Max opens in new middle school

Murray Benson ('07)
Staff Writer

Much attention was drawn toward the new café, The Max, which opened in the new dining hall at the start of the school year. Planning for the cafe was a collaborative effort with students voting on the name and suggesting possible menu items.

Some are now beginning to question whether the hype and excitement were worth it. The new Max, recently referred to as "a closet," was disappointing to many students.

When Dining Hall Manager Robin Cross was asked if The Max was smaller than expected, she answered "Not for me. I knew all along how much space they allowed for the café. I wish it was bigger, but I wish other spaces were bigger too. We have to work with the space we are given and make the best of it."

Some students feel that The Max is in an in-

convenient location, and they have a hard time walking so far just for a little snack. In addition, there is already competition with the snack machines located in the Upper School. Mrs. Maxwell, Dean of Students, said that, "not very many upper school students and faculty members visit The Max very frequently, and the kitchen staff would really appreciate more customers."

However, the snacks offered in The Max seem to be a big hit. Students are often seen around campus with styrofoam cups filled with smoothies. Michelle Robinson ('07) recently visited and said, "The muffins are really good." Now, coffee, ice cream, pretzels, cookies, and other snacks can be purchased. If you missed breakfast, they're open in the morning. Regardless of size and distance, The Max certainly offers a more healthy variety than the Bear Lair.

A trip of a lifetime:

Harpeth Hall students invade Europe

On June 13, 2004, Anna Poss ('05), Blair Carter ('07), Noura Ismail ('07), Emi Mimms ('07), Maggie Babb, Anna Katherine Maloney ('07), and Mary Olivia Mullin ('07) Harpeth Hall students along with Latin teacher, Mrs. Joyce Ward, and Montgomery Bell Academy teacher, Mrs. Phoebe Drews, embarked on a trip that took them around Switzerland, Italy, and France. The trip was for 13 days where the group was taken to over 8 cities including Zurich, Rome, Venice, Nice, and Paris. As sophomore Emi Mimms described, "Each day was unique from the other. One day I'd find myself above the clouds on Mt. Pilatus in Lucerne, and the next I'd be strolling along the Champs-Élysées eating chocolate crêpes in Paris."

The trip originally consisted of 30 students from Harpeth Hall and Montgomery Bell Academy, but was significantly reduced due to a cancellation of the trip in the early summer. It was cancelled because the trip's original travel agency, Global Vistas, filed for bankruptcy and took approximately \$90,000 in payments for the trip from Harpeth Hall and Montgomery Bell Academy. It was later reported that seven other schools across the United States were



The girls are pictured in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France on June 22, 2004. (Left: Blair Carter ('07), Noura Ismail ('07), Emi Mimms ('07), Maggie Babb, Anna Katherine Maloney ('07), and Mary Olivia Mullin ('07)

have of this trip could not have been without York, Andrea, and the entire group, but especially Mrs. Drews and Mrs. Ward's cheery company." The overall outcome of the trip was explained as sophomore Maggie Babb simply stated, "This was the best trip of my life."

affected as well. Another agency, EF Tours, heard about the bankruptcy and cancellation and gave a generous offer to the students that were originally planning to go. As a result, a new group was formed of eight Harpeth Hall students consisting of seven sophomores and one senior.

In fewer than two weeks, the group was taken to many historical sites such as the Sistine Chapel, Notre Dame, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Coliseum, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, and more. The group also had the opportunity to hike on Mt. Pilatus in Switzerland, swim in the Adriatic Sea while in Venice, take a boat ride on the Seine River in Paris, and even go to a disco in Florence, Italy with their bus driver, Andrea, and travel guide, York. Sophomore Blair Carter emphasized, "The lifelong memories that I

Let the bashing begin!

A look inside the Democratic and Republican conventions

Amelia Higgins ('07)
News Editor

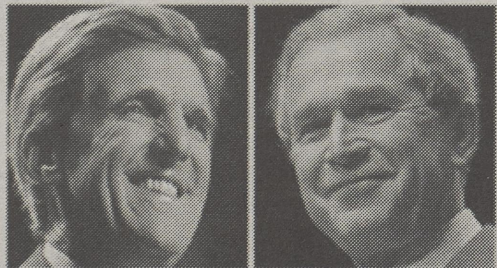
In July and September 2004, the Democratic and Republican National Conventions took place. As a Harpeth Hall sophomore said, "No presidential race would be complete without the discussion of issues, the drama of protesting, and of course, the bashing of the presidential candidates...that's what it's all about."

The delegates at the convention discussed many prominent issues including abortion, the economy, the war on terror, energy, veterans, outsourcing, gay marriage, and education in the United States. President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry currently stand on opposite ends of these issues.

Both conventions were interrupted by protestors voicing their opposition. Some rallies got extremely violent at the Republican convention in New York, where protestors assaulted policemen and speakers. Many workers have blamed Bush for outsourcing jobs, which is sending low-tech jobs overseas. The majority of protestors at the Democratic Convention consisted of Vietnam veterans who said that Kerry has wrongfully accused them of committing war crimes in Vietnam. Kerry responded by saying, "I accused the country's leaders, not the vets."

In addition to the violence of protestors, both Conventions invited many prominent speakers. At the DNC, Barack Obama (IL), so of a Kenyan father

and Kansas mother, appeared to be the rising star of the party, while other influential Democrats like Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, Al Gore, and Jimmy Carter also spoke. The Republican Convention hosted political leaders such as the Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the Governor of Arizona, John McCain. Schwarzenegger spoke



Bush and Kerry carried the traditional Democratic and Republican Conventions, each running with controversial opinions. Democratic representative John Kerry (left) and Republican representative, George W. Bush (right).

estingly, Cheney opposes the ban on gay marriage that his running mate, President Bush, supports.

The Conventions are crucial parts in the race for presidency, and this year like every other, the candidates used them as a forum to continue open criticism of one another. One Harpeth Hall freshman commented, "The conventions are all about one party criticizing the other. The winner with the best come-backs wins the election."

The Conventions are a sign that the true fight has begun.

Like Christmas

Harpeth Hall receives \$1 million gift from anonymous donor

Noura Ismail ('07)
News Editor

Over 300 of Harpeth Hall's major donors attended a Leadership Dinner in the new Dining Hall on September 27, 2004. There it was announced that the school has received a \$1 million challenge gift from an anonymous donor. As Beth Boord, director of advancement at Harpeth Hall, explained, "The School will need to raise another \$1 million in gifts from other donors to meet the challenge and receive the full \$1 million. We are calling this The Capital Challenge because the gifts must be for capital purposes to help us finish our capital projects in this campaign."

The projects mentioned include renovations on the Wallace building and Souby Hall exterior. The way the challenge works, for example, is if a donor makes a pledge of \$10,000 over 5 years for capital purposes, then the \$10,000 is matched by the challenge, so the donor essentially doubles his or her generosity for the school. The capital challenge aims to collect an overall sum of \$42 million, and Harpeth Hall is only \$1 million away. As Mrs. Teaff, head of school, mentioned, "The Capital Challenge will be an opportunity for the Harpeth Hall community to double any new unrestricted commitments to the capital campaign. This is exciting news in the final year of the campaign and the dollars raised will help us reach our \$42 million goal and complete our remaining capital projects."



Harpeth Hall received a \$1 million capital challenge donation to go towards the renovation of the Wallace building and Souby Lawm Exterior.

Simply the finest

Logos wins Quill and Scroll Award

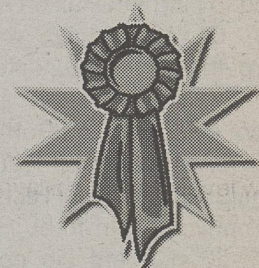
Noura Ismail ('07)
News Editor

Logos, the Harpeth Hall school newspaper, was recognized for its superb quality last summer when it was presented the International First Place Award, an honor given to top high school newspapers all over the world.

Strengths that the judges cited were news coverage, editorial leadership, features, sports, editorials, and overall appearance. These awards are given annually by an honorary society for high school journalists called Quill and Scroll.

Ms. Denise Croker, advisor to Logos, received the honor with a booklet rating every issue from the 2003-2004 school year. The ratings were specific to each section of the paper and were followed with personal comments from the Quill and Scroll judges.

"It's gratifying to have our successes acknowledged by a source outside of Harpeth Hall," said Ms. Croker. "We always try to serve the needs of our community, but we want to do so according to the higher standards of scholastic journalism."



Logos was awarded Quill and Scroll's International First Place Award this summer

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HH/MBA's fall musical: *Hot Mikado*One "hottie" gives *Logos* an inside look at the madness of rehearsalClaire Berry ('05)
Copy Editor

I had a fabulous summer. Whether I was going for a late-night swim at a friend's lake house or sketching nude models at art camp, I had a lovely, relaxing time. Why then, one might ask, would I choose to end my revels a month early? Only the joys of the MBA/HH Musical could possibly coax me away from frigid waters and the voluntarily naked.

This year, the MBA Players and Harpeth Hall Playmakers presented *Hot Mikado*, a lively, visually intoxicating revamp of the classic Gilbert and Sullivan production *The Mikado*, which first opened in 1885 in London. Gilbert and Sullivan's comical take on medieval Japan relates the exploits of Nanki-Poo, Yum-Yum, Koko, Katisha, and other charming characters as they search for love. At its best, the yarn they spin is quaintly Victorian; at its worst, *The Mikado* is largely a stereotype of Eastern culture and tends to the mildly offensive side.

Back in August, the students involved in *Hot Mikado*, myself included, had no idea what it would take to "heat up" this fluffy British comedy. We soon found out that to make a two hour production look like a carefree romp through medieval Japan, underneath all that fluff must be hours of rehearsal marked by blood, sweat, and tears.

Musicals are ostensibly cheery, cheesy affairs. What the audience does not see is the sheer agony that goes into their production; some aspects of the process are downright unpleasant. Character shoes, for instance, the one-inch heel pumps which all actresses must wear, begin to smell rather rank, for lack of a

better word, after weeks of rehearsal wear. Febreze is a must. Just ask senior Kate Gregory, who swears by it. Also, because my role required it, I had to mount a piano and keep my balance as teenage boys spun it around. This experience taught me that musicals are a business in which one's life often flashes before one's eyes. As a



The cast of over 40 HH/MBA students pauses briefly for a quick photo

principal, I faced an unusual discomfort: wearing a microphone tucked inside an ACE-bandage tightly wound around my waist beneath my costume. A word of advice: do not try to use ACE-bandages as corsets. The pain is dull and persistent, and I worried I was damaging my inner organs. A balanced diet and exercise are the way to go.

While I am on the subject of health, I will point out that musicals are quite hazardous to mine, at least. A month of intense rehearsal wore on my immune system, and anyone who knows me will hardly be surprised to learn that I did not actually take any of the Vitamin C tablets I so wisely purchased during the first

week. Naturally, I caught cold the night *Hot Mikado* opened, and spent the rest of the weekend desperately shoving cough drops down my throat so I would not start croaking on stage. People thought it was nice that I perpetually smelled like cherry vapor.

The most difficult part of *Hot Mikado* for me was the dancing. I am hardly inclined in that area, but musicals are never forgiving of this. Theatre is all about the audience's perception, and it was our job, with the invaluable leadership of Stephanie Hamilton, to make even the biggest klutz (i.e. me) an operative part of the picture. I know I laughed outright when Mrs. Hammy told me I was to flip over Nelson Berry's back in one number. I attempted, however; I fell a lot; I lacerated muscles I never knew I had; and in the end, I still did not land my flip in every performance.

As dance guru Ms. Matthews always says though, it's about the journey.

At this point I feel I must point out that, despite very minor drawbacks (who needs operative kidneys?), I had the time of my life participating in *Hot Mikado*. The cast was unified; the techies were laid-back, yet efficient; and the directors worked hard to make us look good, like the lovable fascists they are. I wish I could describe the feeling of utter satisfaction that swept over me after the Saturday night show, arguably the best performance of the weekend. I know the rest of the cast and crew felt it, too. For that feeling I gave up a month when I could have been vegetating merrily. I would do it again in an instant.

The movies of the summer: hits and misses

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Staff Writer

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

(Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson)

Under the guidance of director Alfonso Cuarón, the Harry Potter series reached a new level of artistic prevalence. Everyone's favorite young wizard lives the normal teenage life, complete with all of the typical angst, especially when it appears that a madman is out to kill him. Adults enjoyed this installment as much as kids did because of its symbolism and darker themes, as well as the complexities that were addressed with time-travel. While the cast may be aging too quickly to make the movies, their acting has improved dramatically as they delve deeper into their characters. ☆☆☆☆

Shrek 2

(Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Antonio Banderas, Cameron Diaz, Rupert Everett)

The great team at DreamWorks does it again with *Shrek 2*, their playful spoof of

pop-culture which became the highest grossing movie of the year. Shrek (Myers) is out to re-win his damsel in distress Princess Fiona (Diaz) with the assistance of his old friend Donkey (Murphy) and a hilarious new comrade, Puss in Boots (Banderas). Artfully placed gags and one-liners kept audiences young and old laughing through the entirety of the film. Dreamworks also attempted to put a little moral in the story, just to please parents who might think it to be trashy entertainment. ☆☆☆

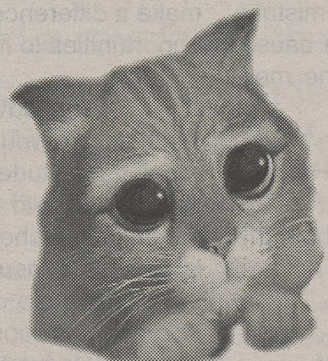
Spiderman 2

(Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Alfred Molina, James Franco)

The most anticipated movie of the summer also turned out to be one of the most thoughtful. In *Spiderman 2*, Tobey Maguire returns as stressed-out Peter Parker, juggling his alternate life as Spiderman, school, and romance with Mary-Jane Watson (Dunst). Unfortunately for Peter, Dr. Octavius (Molina) has become Doc Ock after a fusion reaction gone wrong. Director Sam Raimi does an excellent job of creating a villain with more depth than

the Green Goblin, and he makes Peter's angst-filled life genuinely distressing to the audience. Hailed as one of the best sequels of all time, we can only hope that the third installment will be even better.

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Arguably the best character in *Shrek 2*, Puss in Boots

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Meet the president

Ana Nettles has big shoes to fill on Student Council

Taylor Sitzler ('05)
Features Editor



Ana, pictured here with sister Sabin ('09), a former resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has a whole host of commitments outside of the student council. She is an award-winning Harpeth Hall mock-trial lawyer, a violin player and soccer player.

The student council president is often the most visible student in the upper school. Few will forget Hadley Hines's catchy "ketchup with Hines" slogan or Raleigh Anne Blank's complete devotion to the spirit of Harpeth Hall. Even middle school girls, who most likely cannot name more than a handful of the members of the senior class, will remember the president's convocation address and the tone that she set for the year.

This year's student council president has the distinction, as everyone now knows, of being part of Harpeth Hall's first-ever sister-sister team. Younger sister Sabin Nettles is president of the middle school student council. The fact that Ana's mom is president-elect of the Harpeth Hall Parents Association is only icing on the cake.

I wanted to find out about Ana's plan for the next year.

Q: When will the Nettles clan conquer MBA?

A: That is one domain you will not find the Nettles girls for quite some time; seeing that we have not had a male born into our family in the past 49 years. Plus we would rather not "roll red."

Q: When will Mr. Nettles become involved?

A: Michael Nettles is a current resident of Princeton, New Jersey (where he works), making it hard for him to be involved in the day to day happenings of the Nettles party. Make no mistake though, he is a generous contributor to the cause. But, perhaps if there were an opening in the male posse he would be inclined to join.

Q: How does Corey feel about being Harpeth Hall's First-Boyfriend?

A: He likes it. Now he was not crazy about the plaid skirt, but according to him the culotte is not half bad. "It's like you are wearing shorts."

Q: In what year will you run for president

A: The year they start paying nine figures, like they should!

Q: Will Corey be the first First-Husband?

A: No comment!

Q: What other countries do you plan to rule? Are dinner guests unnerved by your plans for world domination?

A: I think that Fiji sounds good, but the jury's still out. My sister, Aidan, is a little disturbed by my plans for world domination, but on the whole my family has been really supportive.

Q: Okay, on a more serious note, what exactly is Mrs. Nettles doing with the Harpeth Hall Parents Association. What does her position entail?

A: She is the President-Elect of the Parents Association and she helps the different parents committees plan for events like faculty appreciation week, the Main Event, etc.

Q: Beyond "making Harpeth Hall a better place," what specifically do you plan to accomplish this year?

A: This school is like a well-oiled machine. It really takes an incredible amount of work to maintain this school in every aspect. I would love nothing more than to be the voice of the student body, making the necessary changes to ensure each students day-to-day comforts, and a positive overall experience. It is one of my many pleasures to help people and make a difference, and this position gives me a lot of opportunities to make this happen.

Q: What advice have you given Sabin this year? What advice would you give to Juniors thinking about running for Student Council President next year?

A: I would tell anyone to be aware of the commitment she is making, because the position is so time consuming. It is also so rewarding. In the past couple of years people have been hesitant to run for positions on student council and that is a shame. It is fun to be a part of a group that is always doing something to better the school. I encourage everyone to seriously consider running next year!

top ten... Signs That Summer is Over

Taylor Sitzler ('05)
Features Editor

- 1 You are getting used to seeing the "a.m." light on your alarm clock.
- 2 You have made the transition from flip-flops to shoes with actual laces. Or, you bought slip-on tennis shoes (change is tough).
- 3 The last time you applied makeup, your foundation and/or bronzer were conspicuously darker than your skin.
- 4 You have stopped shaving your legs altogether. You wear skirts to school every day without shaving; why should weekends be any different?
- 5 You are strangely excited to see Matt, the man who refills the Coke machine in the senior house, and your closest male friend is a member of the male posse.
- 6 You are developing a strong hatred for beeping noises- beeping intercom systems, beeping laptops, etc.
- 7 You draw comparisons between the Nettles clan and the British royal family.
- 8 The number of people who ask you daily where you want to go to college is increasing exponentially. You know this because your TI-83 has replaced your cell phone as your most frequently-used appliance.
- 9 You are slowly becoming a hunchback. You have weighed your backpack, and it weighs more than your little brother.
- 10 You race downstairs to the dinner table or worry that the food might be gone when you get there. When your mother questions you, you explain that food disappears at an alarming rate in the Junior Lobby/Senior House/Advisory.

Leaders of the Past

Some student council presidents are remembered for more than their witty convocation speeches. The following is a list of the accomplishments of past presidents:

Hadley Hines ('03-'04)

- Coordinated the first 80s Dance
- Worked with the administration to have chimes put in the library (Okay, so they are gone now...but it was nice while it lasted!)
- Worked with the administration to have the filtered water machine installed
- Started the tradition of moving the Leadership Retreat to a new location every August

Raleigh Anne Blank ('02-'03)

- Coordinated the September 11 memorial
- Tirelessly fought the losing battles for ankle socks and Birkenstocks
- Proposed adding the sweater-vest to the uniform
- Began the tradition of making HH Spirit shirts

Amy Campbell ('00-'01)

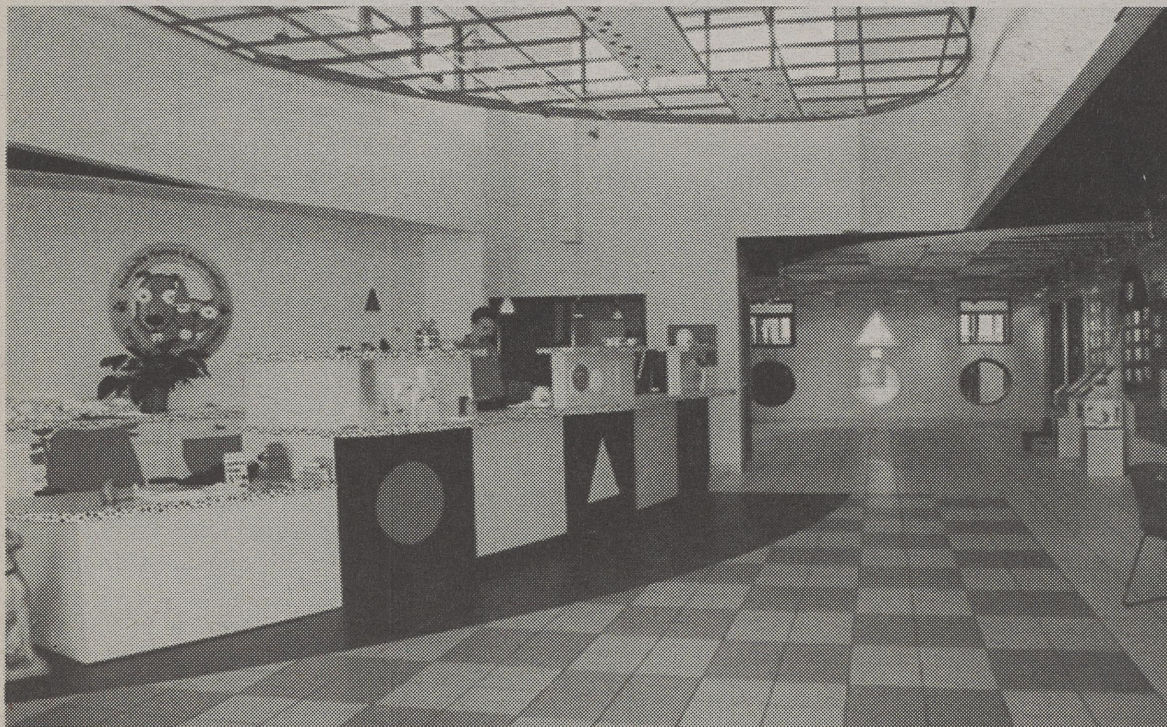
- Revived the President's Council, which now meets quarterly. It allows student leaders to work with each other to ensure more productive meetings and more enthusiastic club and publications participation.

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Countering animal cruelty in Tennessee

Volunteers needed at new Humane Association facility

Taylor Sitzler ('05)
Features Editor



The new 12,937 sq. foot facility is much more spacious and cheerful than the shelter's former home on Harding Place.

Here at Harpeth Hall, we are accustomed to finding our in-boxes flooded with all-school emails and our free time filled with activity after activity.

Girls looking to do more community service, either for the greater good or to fill their college applications, should consider volunteering at the new Patton-Ingram Shelter and Adoption Center.

Or, just pay closer attention to some of those all-school emails. Often, amid notices for lost sweatshirts and upcoming volleyball games you will find information about pets seeking homes.

Animal cruelty is very much a problem in Tennessee, and every pet put in a happy home is a step in the right direction. For those who don't follow the news, here is a recap of some of what has been

going on in our state during the summer:

On August 28, Jennifer Siliski, a Franklin Maltese breeder, was found guilty of 11 counts of animal cruelty. The case against the breeder stemmed from a January 22 raid on her home in which 241 animals were found living in unsanitary conditions.

Because each charge carries a maximum jail time of 11 months and 29 days, Siliski could potentially have served nearly 11 years. On September 13, she was sentenced to 10 days in jail, 1 year of probation and 50 hours of community service. She was fined \$27,500. Siliski is appealing her conviction.

Thus far, Williamson County has paid over \$90,000 for the care of the animals. The 260 pets, which Siliski would have sold for \$600-\$1600, will be

auctioned off on October 16 with proceeds going to the county.

On November 18, two Springfield boys, ages 11 and 14, will appear in the Rutherford County Juvenile Court. Police say that the boys burned a puppy to death on a backyard grill July 24 at a public housing development.

The 14-year old and two other boys are also charged with breaking into the local animal shelter, stealing a dog and cutting its leg just a few days before the other puppy was killed.

Also this summer, the McMinnville Animal Shelter was forced to close because of insufficient funding. All dogs and cats who were not adopted were put to sleep.

If any of this makes your stomach turn, contact Cynthia Price, the volunteer coordinator at the Nashville Humane Association. Their new, building, which opened last December, is located at 213 Oceola Avenue, behind Sprintz Furniture off White Bridge Road.

The beautiful new facility has two acres of fenced in property for dog walking and a cat "playroom." Volunteers are needed to walk dogs, play with cats and clean kennels.

For more information, visit www.nashvillehumane.org and click "Volunteer."



The new Humane Association building is behind Sprintz Furniture on White Bridge Road.

just jennie

On senior speeches

Jennie McCabe ('05)
Features Columnist



After today's assembly, I definitely have something on my mind: senior speeches. Katy Bowers and Claire Stadler did a superb job, and I certainly could not be as poised as they were. Their subjects were personal and cute. But think about it- two down; 84 to go. I cannot fathom sitting through that many more speeches. I don't

mean this in a malicious way, but it's just completely ridiculous to force the entire upper school to listen to every senior give a 3-5 minute speech on the topic of her choice. I can't possibly see how this is effective in any way.

Does this "rite of passage" build character? I'd have to say no, and I know I'm definitely not alone. Some people are just frightened to death of the idea of standing in front of a large group of people, and forcing them to give speeches is just down right excruciating. I know one senior in particular, Mary Tom Crozier, who is deathly afraid of this looming task. "I seriously would have reconsidered going here if I knew this would've been a requirement," Mary Tom told me. Now that may seem a tad bit extreme, but

the overwhelming majority of the senior class objects to this mandatory embarrassment.

It seems that the class of 2005 has received the short end of the stick: we were the last grade to take the forgotten Communication Skills class, and now we have been dealt this silly speech. I can remember my freshman year Communication Skills class taught by none other than Ms. Teaff. All was fine for the majority of the semester-long class, even though I wished I had a free period. The class wasn't too demanding, and I learned how to make an announcement correctly.

Frankly, I don't remember much from that class, but the memory of failure haunts me to this day. We had a final assignment to make a 5-10 minute speech on the subject of our choice. I chose Buddhism because I had been reading a book on the topic at the time. I worked my little (actually big) butt off making the Power Point and tweaked it to perfection. I made the note cards we were taught to use. I had them ordered and numbered and had an outline of what I wanted to share with the class.

The big day came around, and we convened in Davis Auditorium. The class of 12 students spread out across the theatre to help imitate a large audience and to give the speaker various focal points to look

to between points. When it was my turn, I had a fluttering confidence in my heart that I would survive this ordeal.

To save myself a large amount of agony, I will skip the bloody details. It's no secret, but I'll bet you can guess that I completely bombed my presentation. Mid-speech I dropped my note cards on the ground, only to lose the particular order in which they were

placed. I fumbled around trying to find my place, but to no avail. I began sweating profusely and my vision became clouded. I looked out across the auditorium to blank faces. Then and there I had a

revelation that I, Jennie McCabe, was not made for public speaking in ANY form. I know I'm not alone when I express this opposition toward forced public speaking. For people to whom this skill does not come naturally, it can be traumatizing. Nobody likes to be put on the spot, and a very select few thrive in the spotlight.

Obviously, this is a futile fight. Every senior will have to give a speech this year, as will future seniors for years to come. I'll bet many will be intriguing, humorous or even touching. However, no matter how many senior speeches I sit through, I doubt I will see the point. I just hope that this isn't a scarring experience for anyone.

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Leading the left

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John Kerry is not just some guy with a long face and wrinkles; he is more than that. John Kerry is the Democratic nominee trying to beat President Bush and become the President in November of this year. Everyone should know more about him, who he is and why he is the right person to run our country in a time of war. If he is willing to put his credibility on the line and let the media and the American public have at him, he is definitely worth listening to.

John Kerry was born on December 11, 1943 in an army hospital in Colorado. After he graduated from Yale, John Kerry enlisted in the Navy and went to fight in Vietnam in 1968, so he knows firsthand what war is like; it is not something to jump into on false charges. For his bravery, he earned three Purple Hearts, and he is currently serving his fourth term as a Massachusetts senator. His wife is Teresa Heinz, and together they have two daughters, three sons, and one grandchild.

So now he is running for president, but what does he want to do for the American people? First, John Kerry believes in keeping women's right to choose, which is currently protected by federal law. Imagine this: A young teenage girl makes a bad decision and gets pregnant, but keeping the baby would mean it would be born into an already poor home, and the girl would possibly have to drop out of high school to watch over him or her and inevitably end up on welfare like thousands of others in the same situation. It is for this reason that he is pro-choice and does not think that the government should have the right to make decisions for women without considering the situation.

He supports stem cell research so scientists have a chance to find a cure to Alzheimer's, and he thinks there should be some amount of gun control, just to make sure the people who can buy guns will use them safely. John Kerry wants to gain back the respect of the other countries in the United Nations and countries around the world by asking for their help in Iraq. He knows America cannot transform a dictatorship into a democracy single-handedly. He also wants to try to improve the economy by creating jobs for the thousands of unemployed Americans and giving tax breaks to the middle and lower classes instead of the upper class, who can afford higher taxes.

I do respect George Bush for his conduct after September 11; he was comforting and inspirational. However, I do not understand the reasons America decided to attack Iraq and postpone the more important agendas: Al Qaeda and Afghanistan. But since we are already in the middle of war in Iraq, we need to stay and make the right decisions. During this time of war, I would prefer to have a president who has experienced the horrors of battle like John Kerry, who served in the Vietnam War, saving the life of another soldier and earning those Purple Hearts for injuries in battle. We are basically standing alone in Iraq, and our efforts have not had the most productive results. At one billion dollars a week, I believe our country has earned the right to know the truth and to see results; not just hear and see what the media and government would like us to hear and believe.

According to a Harvard University poll, 58 percent of college students are leaning towards Kerry while only 37 percent are for Bush. But even with these statistics, look beyond the insults and the back stabbing at the facts; you might just be surprised.

Four more years

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Before those of you who will be able to vote, it is important to know each candidate and his views on the issues. So, who is President George W. Bush?

With an education from both Yale University and Harvard Business School, George W. Bush became the first Texas Governor to be elected to two consecutive four-year terms. In 2000, he defeated former Vice President Al Gore to become the 43rd President of the United States.

For the last four years, Americans have trusted him to protect all of their families. He has had a very successful first term; he was put to the test early on the morning of September 11, 2001. In the words of Harpeth Hall student Jessica Lavender, "No one was prepared to deal with that kind of emergency." His actions were swift and confident, and his purpose was clear: terrorism would be stopped. Thus, the war on terror began.

George W. Bush has spent much of the last four year's effort on improving our homeland as well. Many say that he has neglected the economy, but in the last year, the economy has grown 4.8 percent, an amount equal to that of almost every other year of the last decade. He has not only been committed to America's economy, but to lowering her citizens' taxes, improving the education of her children, and strengthening her security.

In the last year alone, 1.5 million new jobs were created and the unemployment rate dropped from 6.3% to 5.6%. This rate is lower than the average of the last three decades. In his first term, Bush put money back in Americans' pockets through three tax cuts. He also doubled the child credit to \$1,000 and reduced the marriage penalty.

Within his first week of office, he was working to improve America's education from kindergarten through college. \$139 million has been spent on reading programs, which is four times the amount in the fiscal year of 2001, and \$1 billion was spent to improve special education, a 75% increase. President Bush set a record granting \$73 billion in financial aid assistance, allowing 10.3 million students to receive financial aid

for college. His plan not only focuses on students, but teachers as well. States and schools will be provided with a fund to reward good teachers who produce successful students. Additionally, he will increase loan forgiveness by over 300% for those who teach in low-income communities.

Since 9/11, President Bush has tightened border patrol, created the Department of Homeland Security, focused on preventing terrorist attacks, and ensured that all levels of first responders have the resources, tactics, and knowledge to react effectively.

He first encouraged America to volunteer in January of 2002, and since then has created the USA Freedom Corps. Their Volunteer Network allows Americans to access more service opportunities than ever. In 2003, four million more Americans volunteered than in 2002, bringing the number up to 63.8 million.

You could vote for President George W. Bush for any of the above reasons. He is a man with good character, who knows what he believes and acts for the right reasons. He stood up to terrorists, improved our economy, and raised our education standards. He will not only continue with his achievements from this term, but he will accomplish new feats in the next one.

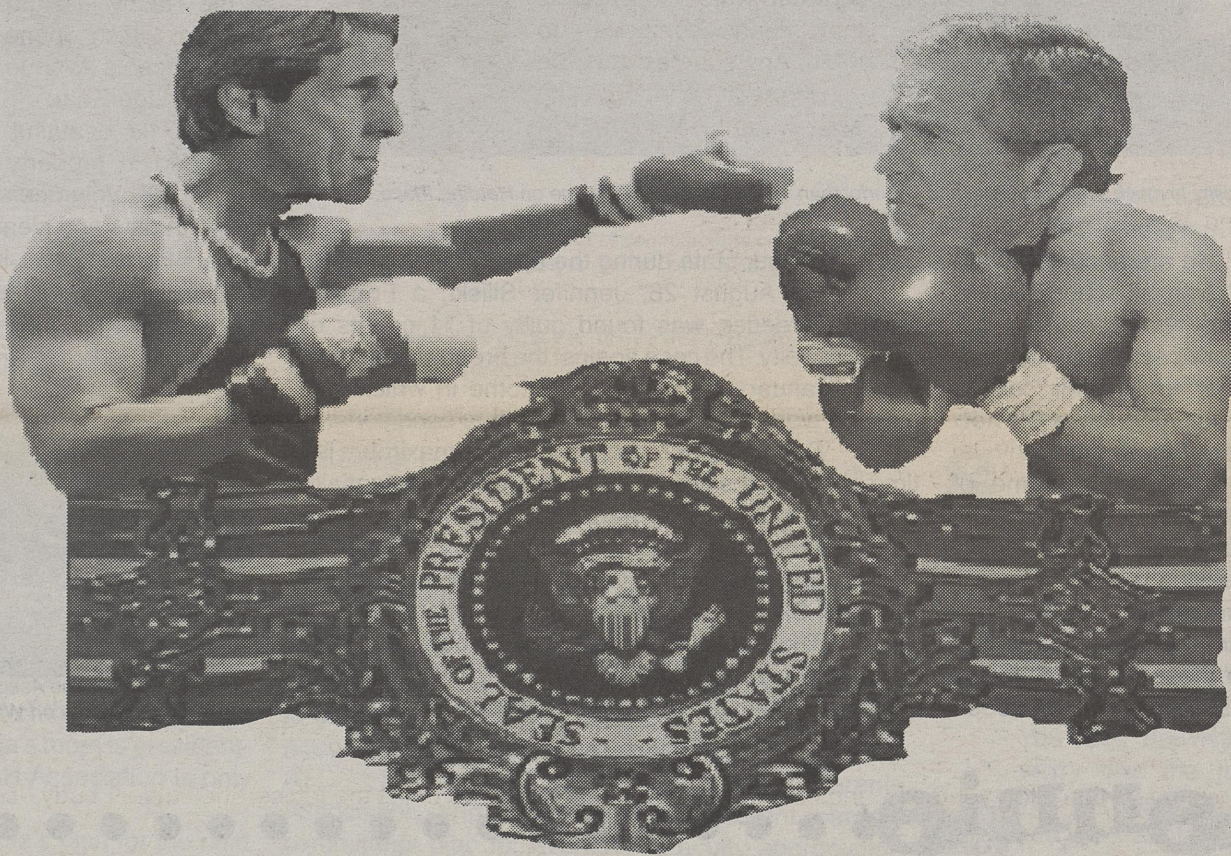


Photo Illustration by Melissa Kim ('07)

Watch presidential candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry deck it out this November in a battle for the presidency.

Highschooler in the Hallway

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—Anna Gernert ('05)

"Bush because I am conservative and against abortion and gay marriage."



—Jamie Gordon ('06)

"Bush because it's not a wise idea to change leaders in the middle of a war, even if I don't approve of [it]."



—Becca Hill ('07)

"Kerry because I liked his speech in the Democratic Convention. I'm also anti-war in Iraq."



—Grace Wright ('08)

"Kerry because he will be best able to take care of America and the places outside of it."

I would vote for...

logos

How much do parents really influence you?

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Harpeth Hall is a school that takes pride in teaching its students to "think critically and to lead confidently." So why do so many students, especially the seniors who can actually vote, choose to vote exactly as their parents would?

Mr. Springman, teacher of American Government and Psychology pointed out that, "It is not that they don't think for themselves, it's that they see things in a slanted way." From the beginning, parents tend to instill their views, whether they are biased or not, in their child; in that way, one is born into her beliefs. According to Mr. Springman, in the past and even now, if you had parents who were racist, then you were most likely going to be racist as well. It would then be up to you to grow and learn from what you were taught.

If growing up, your parents were strong Republicans, and they talked about politics and watched the news, then you probably would learn to think like a Republican; but as you grew and learned from school and the media, you would be able to think for yourself and stand for what you believed in. Another factor as to why some students tend to vote exactly like their parents is because of their fear of disappointing them.

Catherine Oman, senior, said she will be voting "Republican." She stated that her parents were also Republican but that they had "no bearing" on her decision. Another senior, Stephanie Braden, commented that she was not going to vote this year because she did not favor either candidate. She also added that her mother was going to vote for the Democratic candidate, John Kerry.

Students do change their beliefs because as they grow; they will learn more and discover which party suits them. What they believe in now can also alter as they grow older. For example, when Mr. Springman was a senior in high school, he felt that the Vietnam War was a reasonable war, but as he journeyed through college and his adult life his opinions changed. There are few times when you should not do what your parents would want you to do, but when it comes to voting this November, think for yourself.

Avoid stressing the speech

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There is no avoiding it. Senior speeches are here to stay according to both Ms. Marie Maxwell, Dean of Students and Ms. Klocko, Theater Director, they are a new Harpeth Hall tradition because "the new senior speech program gives student ideas, talent, and expression the opportunity to flourish," according to Ms. Klocko. Here is some advice for a great senior speech.

Ground Rules

Speeches are supposed to be three to five minutes long and most importantly, students are supposed to write about a topic that means something to them. Any sources must be given credit, and profanity and vulgarity are prohibited.

Give it a Go

Consider potential speech topics early on, and, "Pick your topic first and do not wait until the last minute," advised Ms. Klocko. Seniors should write their speeches as soon as possible to evade procrastination and the stress that comes with it. This also gives each student more time to practice presenting her speech as well.

What Not to Write

Sometimes it is easier to know how to do something once you know how not to do it. Ms. Klocko's worst nightmare is a speech on summer vacation, whereas Ms. Maxwell said she "would be disappointed if someone chose to talk about how senior speeches are not a good idea because that would be very immature." For openings and closings of speeches, "Never apologize or list the topics

that you thought about before you chose this particular one," said Ms. Klocko. What are students sick of hearing speech-wise? When people start their speeches with how they came up with their topic, and as Annie Killian, sophomore, said, "to say 'I didn't actually know what I was going to talk about,' which is tiresome and dull.

Some topics are often overused and become cliché; "Try not to talk about common sports experiences," said Anna Katherine Maloney, sophomore. If you decide to write about something that other people have often written their speeches about, then try to find a refreshing angle.

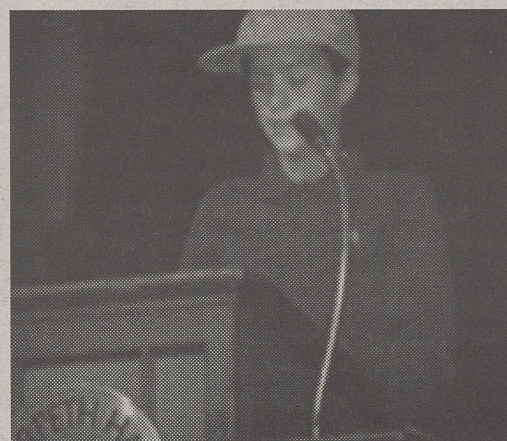
Eyes & Mouth

According to Ms. Klocko, "Eye contact is imperative. [Students] need to look at the people they are talking to so that

the audience feels included in the conversation." Remember that you are speaking to half of the auditorium, and "Be sure that you speak to the back row, and if they are fidgety, then you are not being heard," said Ms. Maxwell. When you are on stage and behind the microphone, "make sure your voice is going through [it]," Ms. Klocko recommended.

Finale

In the end, you should have fun with your speech. Reveal something that maybe not many people know about you, and at the very least, "Make the audience care," said Emi Mimms, sophomore. All in all, "This should truly be a celebration of each student as they have earned the privilege of addressing the student body," concluded Ms. Klocko.



At the senior advice assembly, Helen Ramsey, senior, showed us how it was done.

Caillin Heyman ('05)

Where are they now? A look at HH I.D. cards

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There was once a time when students at Harpeth Hall stood in two lines and waited for their picture to be taken. One line was for yearbook picture while the other was for student IDs.

If you were like me, the idea of a student ID probably excited you; perhaps this is because you had never had an identification card or maybe it made you feel a little older to have an actual ID in your purse.

Our IDs would supposedly be able to open all Harpeth Hall doors, to be presented at the airport for photo identification, and to work as credit cards here at Harpeth Hall. Well, that is what I thought they were for. What happened to these beloved IDs? Student IDs were going to be a way to charge things in the Bookstore, the library and

the MAX. For those of us who miss them, Ms. Maxwell said, "Not to worry, we are still going to use them in the future; it is all being worked out and it is all a matter of technology." If you need more assurance, then the person to talk to would be Mr. Picksley Cheek, Harpeth Hall's business manager.

Most students liked the Student ID, and some new students thought they were a "cool" idea. One middle school student commented that, "they would be nice to use... when the doors lock after school." With the MAX open, it would also be convenient to be able to charge items on our ID cards. Watch out for these ID cards, because when they come, all in all, life at Harpeth Hall would be a little less complicated with Student ID cards.



With a single flick of the wrist, Clare Stadler, senior, could charge for food on her Student ID.

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Supersized: the future of gene doping

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Whatever happened to the motto, "No pain, no gain?"

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The history of sports is ridden with doping scandals, athletes' use of steroids or other performance enhancing drugs in order to gain an extra edge over their competitors. While medical screenings are widely used before competitions and prove to be reliable, the medical development of gene therapy may prove to be an alternative route to a more advanced form of abuse by athletes.

This process is appropriately called "gene doping". In the July 2004 issue of *Scientific American*, an article by H. Lee Sweeney titled "Gene Doping" claims that sports authorities fear this new form of doping because its inability to be detected or screened will most likely make it less preventable than other methods. Another concern is that the issues posed by gene doping will have to be addressed in the immediate future, greatly in part to gene therapy's rapid development. Prior to the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Sweeney predicted that "The world may be about to watch one of its last Olympic Games without genetically enhanced athletes."

While human trials of gene transfer are in developmental stages, organizations such as Muscular Dystrophy Association are planning to begin human clinical trials that regenerate muscle, increase muscle strength, and protect it from deterioration. One therapy implants a synthetic, long lasting gene in patients that can produce a large amount of muscle-building chemicals that normally occur in the human body. Unfortunately, these treatments could be used by athletes to give them increased speed or endurance. Gene doping cannot be controlled by medical screening because the chemicals involved are equivalent to their naturally occurring counterparts.

Because the chemicals are only produced in the muscle tissue, nothing enters the bloodstream, making it impossible for officials to detect abuse using a blood or urine test.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), which regulates athletic doping, has already requested that scientists help find preventions so that gene therapy is not abused by athletes; however, treatments are already entering clinical trials and as they become widespread, attempts at prevention will most likely be fruitless. As far as Richard Pound of McGill University, in accordance with WADA, is concerned, the sports community has already suffered a blow, losing the control of performance enhancing beginning in the 1960s. Pound claimed that, "We've been playing catch-up ever since."

If athletes were to use gene therapy, a synthetic gene would only be found in the muscle, not the blood or urine, requiring a biopsy of certain muscles followed by a complex DNA lab study in order to test for its presence; thus, modern screenings for doping would be ineffective. Besides muscle enlargement, gene therapy is appealing to athletes for different enhancements, depending on their specific sport. For example, it would be advantageous for marathoners to alter muscle fibers in order to increase their endurance.

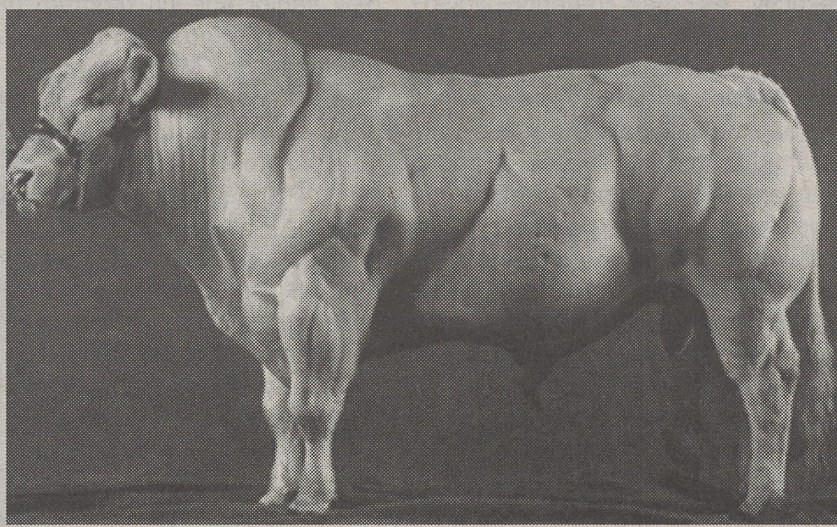
Even though muscle is probably the first tis-

sue to be genetically enhanced, other forms will follow. Sports officials fear that policing genetic therapy abuse will become difficult if not nearly impossible to monitor, and that eventually gene therapies will become safe and available to the general public. They predict that designer steroids will be replaced with genetic enhancements in a short amount of time. If so, the entire face of athletics will change drastically. According to Tom Murray, a member of the research

organization, The Hastings Center, the implement of gene therapy, "would be like allowing an athlete to compete in the Boston Marathon wearing roller blades." At times, it appears as if officials are caught in a catch-22, where they disapprove of genetic enhancement, yet consent that

muscle-regenerating therapies can help athletes recover from injuries. Along with officials, it appears that the researchers and gene therapists themselves are in a no-win situation, where they understand that their development will both help conquer diseases but also spawn a new decade of athletic abuse, questioning if they are ensuring the health of the general public, or emulating Dr. Frankenstein by inadvertently creating a superhuman athlete.

Whatever the predictions for gene therapy in the future, one thing is certain; by this time, athletes and trainers have already begun to take notice. Currently, nearly half of Sweeney's emails are from either athletes or sports trainers.



"Double-muscled" Belgian blue bull, injected with synthetic gene for uncontrolled muscle growth and low fat deposition

Scientific American

Olympic USA women's teams get the job done

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The United States had a successful run in the 28th Summer Olympic Games, hosted by Athens, Greece. The American teams earned 103 medals, the most medals of all the 202 participating countries. In an Olympics that boasted more women athletes than ever before, the United States women showed the men a thing or two, especially in team sports. The USA women's basketball, softball, and soccer teams proved solid, each bringing home the gold. On the contrary, the men's teams only managed a bronze medal in basketball, while the men's baseball and soccer teams came home empty-handed. Could this mark a breakthrough in women's sports? It seems that the US women at least know how to work as a team.

In basketball, the men's "Dream Team" turned into more of a nightmare. After losing two games in pool play, they managed to squeak by Lithuania to take the bronze medal, clearly a disappointment in comparison to their 12 gold medals from previous games. Meanwhile, the US

women were dominating the sport, beating everyone in their path on their way to a third consecutive gold medal. Lisa Leslie, member of all three gold medal teams, described this win over the Australians saying, "This is the sweetest one."

In baseball, the US men failed to qualify for the preliminary rounds, which is ironic, considering that the sport is supposedly "America's favorite pastime." The US women's softball team, however, not only qualified, but shut out all of their opponents, allowing only one run during the entire Olympics, in the gold medal game. Team USA won their third consecutive gold medal with a 5-1 victory over the Australians. Third baseman Crystl Bustos led Team USA with two homeruns in the gold

medal match-up, and pitcher Lisa Fernandez earned her third gold medal.



Abby Wambach, Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly, and teammates embrace after 2-1 US win over Japan in quarterfinals



Allen Iverson and Tim Duncan watch Puerto Rico dominate the court

themselves as they clinched the gold medal with a 2-1 victory over Brazil in extra time. This gold medal marked Team USA's first international championship since their 1999 World Cup victory and their second Olympic gold medal.

This victory marked the final time that 13-to-16-year veterans Mia Hamm, Joy Fawcett, Julie Foudy, Kristine Lilly, and Brandi Chastain would play together. However, Team USA also looks to have a promising future with young players Abby Wambach and Lindsay Tarpley leading the squad.

No matter which sport you followed during this Olympics, it is likely that Team USA made the country proud. However, when compared to the men, it seems that the US women know a little bit more about the definition of teamwork and putting that definition into effect.

As in baseball, the US men's soccer team failed to qualify for the preliminary rounds. Meanwhile, the US women were making a name for

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